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NOTE VERBALE DATED 18 JANUARY 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 781 (1992), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 14 January and 17 January 1993, there appear to have been 10 flights of fixed or rotary wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 781 (1992) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 3 of that resolution. In addition, there has been one flight falling within the reporting period of 4 to 6 January 1993. Details as to the time and the itinerary of these flights are attached as annexes I and II to the present note verbale.

All confirmed violations were immediately protested by UNPROFOR to the party concerned.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(14-17 January 1993)

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
	14 January			No violations reported	
379	15 January	1045	1050	British Infantry Battalion observed one fixed-wing aircraft 12 nautical miles south-east of Tuzla airfield heading south at a low altitude. Weather conditions in the area were excellent, with clear long-range visibility. Further details were not provided in the initial or follow-up reports.	South Unknown 2,000 feet
380	15 January	1100	1105	British Infantry Battalion observed a helicopter south-east of Tuzla airfield heading south, low and slow. Weather and visual conditions were excellent in the area thus allowing for optimum visual sightings.	South 100 knots 2,000 feet
381	16 January	1111	1135	AWACS detected an aircraft, probably a helicopter, 5 nautical miles north of Gacko. The aircraft was tracked for 45 nautical miles heading south-west. Final radar contact was lost at Dubrovnik, where it may have landed. This is the seventh violation in the area during the month of January.	South-west 115 knots 1,200 feet
382	16 January	1116	1124	AWACS detected an aircraft, probably a helicopter, 25 nautical miles south-east of Banja Luka over Buletic. The aircraft was tracked for 30 nautical miles and faded from radar with a final heading in the direction of Travnik.	South 150 knots 2,000 feet
383	16 January	1515	1615	The United Nations Military Observer at Zaluzani cleared a flight for CASEVAC from Bosanski Petrovac to Zaluzani with an estimated time of arrival of 1100 zulu. The flight was 5 hours late and was not in compliance with guidelines for CASEVAC/MEDEVAC flights.	North-east Unknown Unknown

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SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
384	16 January	1330	1335	The commander of the United Nations convoy to Zepa observed a single MI-8 HIP helicopter with Serb markings acting as an airborne observation post during convoy movement. At the time the convoy was under Serb escort. The helicopter position was 2 nautical miles south-west of Zepa; no additional flight information was reported.	Unknown Unknown Unknown
385	16 January	1914	1930	Section North reported four aircraft crossing into the "No Fly Zone". No further details were provided.	South Unknown Unknown
386	17 January	1052	1112	AWACS detected an aircraft, probably a helicopter, north-east of Gorazde, 4 nautical miles east of the "No Fly Zone". The aircraft crossed into the "No Fly Zone" and faded from radar 5 nautical miles east of Srebrenica.	South-east 100 knots 2,400 feet
387	17 January	1204	1210	AWACS detected an aircraft, probably a helicopter, over Bijeljina, heading south. The aircraft faded from radar coverage east of Tuzla, 5 nautical miles outside the "No Fly Zone".	South-east 140 knots 2,200 feet
388	17 January	1343	1353	AWACS detected an aircraft, probably a helicopter over Srebrenica. The aircraft headed south, then east, and faded from radar detection near Mocevic.	East 110 knots 5,500 feet

Annex II

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(4-6 January 1993)

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
	4 January			No violations reported	
	5 January			No violations reported	
372	6 January	1149	1200	AWACS detected an aircraft, probably a helicopter, manoeuvring over Gacko. It was tracked for 8 nautical miles flying south-west.	Manoeuvring 250 knots 4,900 feet